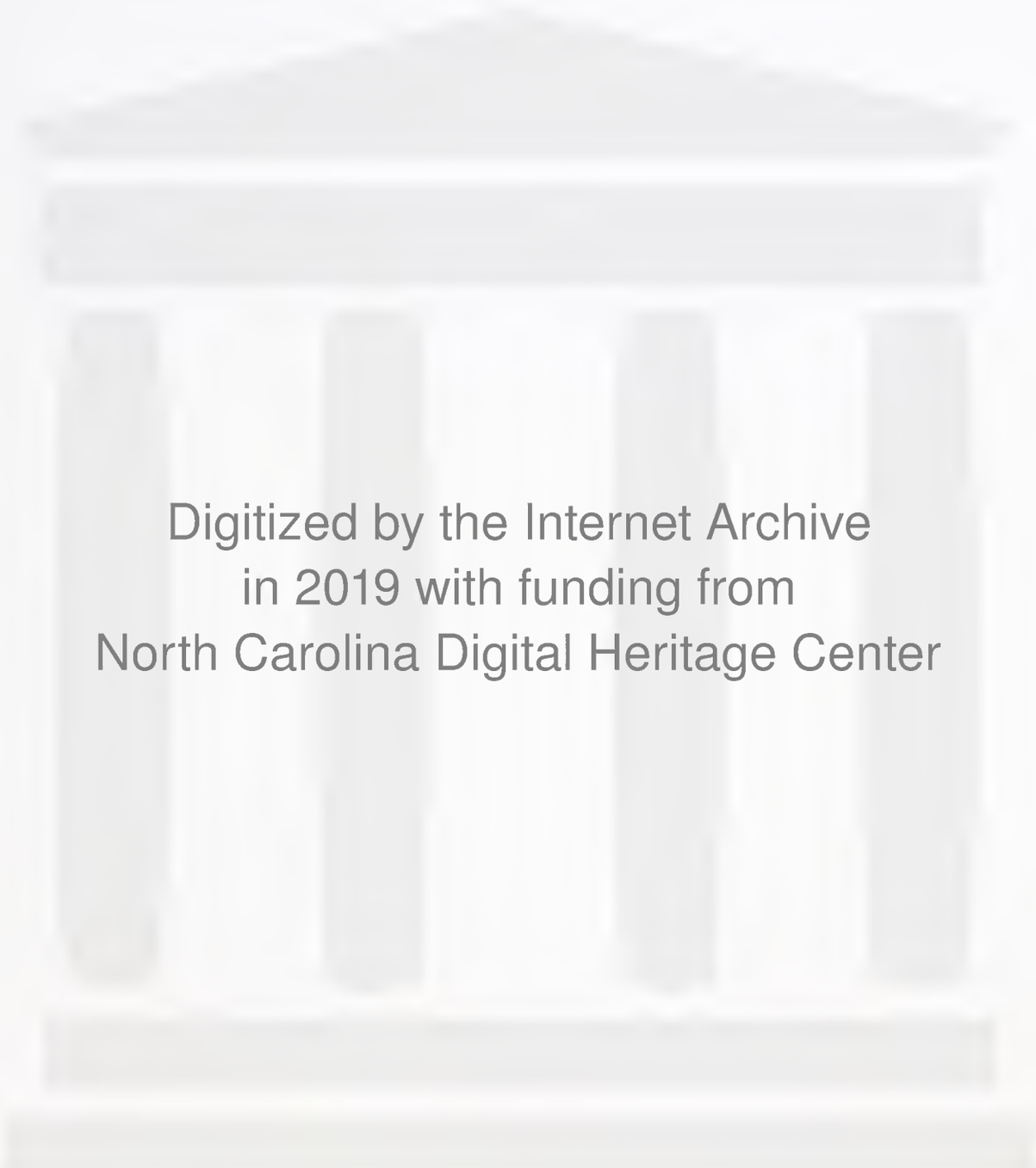
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"FOR ALL THE SAINTS"



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
LINCOLN ACADEMY COMMUNITY
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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED . . .

To the Glory of God,

To those people who, 100 years ago had the courage and vision to establish our Church.

To those people who over the years nurtured our church to the stage it is today.

To those members now and to come who will continue to witness the cause of Christ through First Congregational United Church of Christ . . .

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY
STRENGTH AND BEAUTY
ARE IN
HIS SANCTUARY



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
LINCOLN ACADEMY COMMUNITY
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REVEREND HENRY LYNN MCDOWELL

The United Church of Christ

A united and uniting church

A union of communions, each produced by previous unions, now uniting different traditions and modes of church government, we take church unity seriously.

A church of Christ

Bound to our Lord's mission, called to witness, serve, heal, rebuild, reconcile, we belong to Christ and strive to follow where he leads.

A free and responsible church

Guaranteed freedom in their decisions, a freedom balanced by responsible self-discipline, every local church is confronted with the claims of Christ and of the fellowhship.

A church of the people

Gathered for worship, work, and witness, persons are challenged to the task entrusted to the people of God, and to carrying it out themselves in their communities and, through Our Christian World Mission, in the nation and the world.

To all whose Christian labor and loyalty in times past have made possible our work and witness now, we owe a profound debt of gratitude. To God for his act in Christ of boundless grace toward us and the needy world he would save, we owe the full commitment of our lives in reconciling and redemptive service.



Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being,
creates man in his own image
and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,
he has come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

He calls us into his Church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be his servants in the service of men,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at this table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

He promises to all who trust him
forgiveness of sins and fulness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
his presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

FIRST MEETING PLACE
1895



SECOND MEETING PLACE
1925 - 1955



PRESENT CHURCH
1995



FOUNDER OF LINCOLN ACADEMY
MISS EMILY PRUDDEN
Served from 1888 - 1890



SECOND PRINCIPAL
MISS LILLIAN CATHCART
From 1890 - 1910



1895 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1995

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

THEME: *"FOR ALL THE SAINTS"*

MINISTERS SERVING THE CHURCH

1895 - 1921

Rev. Stevens
Rev. Bushee
Rev. Strang
Rev. Alva R. Hart

(It should be noted that from 1922 - 1944 the Ministers serving the Church were also Principals of Lincoln Academy.)

First Black Ministers to serve the Church: Rev. William Sawyer 1917 - 1921

First Black Principal of Lincoln Academy: Rev. Walter E. Ricks - 1922 - 1935

Rev. Dr. Orishatukeh Faduma - 1923 - 1936 Associate Minister and Teacher

Rev. John Dillingham - 1936

Rev. Dr. Henry Curtis McDowell - 1937 - 1944 Minister - Missionary

At various intervals the church was served by the following:

Rev. Ward David Newkirk
Rev. Percy DeBerry
Rev. J. Bailey
Rev. Smith
Rev. Lloyd Galloway
Rev. U. Fowler

Local Ministers and Johnson C. Smith University Divinity Students served the Church - 1945 - 1955

Rev. C. L. Lee
Rev. Gregg
Rev. J. W. Morrison
Mr. Leverett
Mr. Hester
Mr. Henry Eiland
Mr. Langford
Mrs. J. D. Murdock
Rev. Russell J. Shipman - 1955 - 1959; 1963 - 1981
Rev. Yvonne Beasley - 1982 - 1986
Rev. H. Lynn McDowell - 1986 -
Mr. George H. Buck
Mr. H. L. McClain, Jr.
Mr. James H. Costen
Mr. A. H. George
Mr. J. R. Hampton
Mr. Franklin D. Johnson, Jr.
Mr. Marion A. Sanders

IM MEMORIAM

"The memory of the Just is Blessed." Prov. 10:17

The Sacrifices, the VISIONS, the STEADFASTNESS of those who have gone before make this day possible.

In our continuing FAITHFULNESS their memory will BE BLESSED FOREVER

OUR FORMER PASTORS



Rev. Walter E. Ricks
1922 - 1935

Rev. Alva Hart
1917 - 1921





Rev. Dr. Orishatukeh Faduma
1923 - 1935

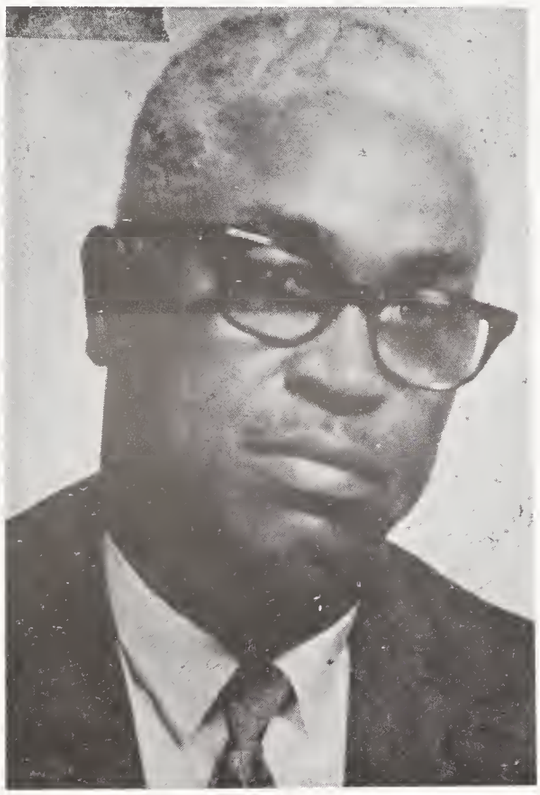


Rev. Dr. Henry C. McDowell
1937 - 1944



Rev. Willam Sawyer
1917 - 1921

LIVING MINISTERS



Rev. Russell J. Shipman
1955 - 1957
1959 - 1982



Rev. Yvonne Beasley
1982 - 1986



Rev. H. Lynn McDowell
1986 -

CHURCH OFFICERS AND STAFF



RUTH ALEXANDER MCDOWELL
Administrative Secretary



PRINCE WHITWORTH RAMSEUR
Financial Secretary



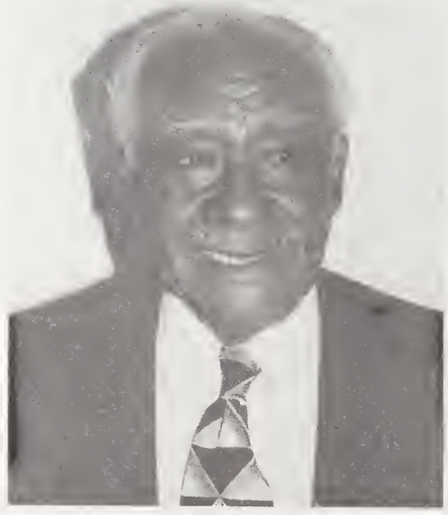
BARBARA JEAN MCCLAIN
Record Clerk



GEORGE W. MILLER
Church Treasurer



MAMIE BYARS STOKES
Church Council Chairman



FRED D. SPENCER
Church School Supt.



SPURGEON W. WEBBER, JR.
Trustee Chairman



FURMAN E. DAVIS
Organist/Choir Director



JAMES N. FRONEBERGER
Diaconate Chairman



USHER BOARD

Francis Webber, Chairman



ACOLYTES

Cynthia B. Simpson, Chairman



CHURCH OFFICERS - 1957



CHURCH CHOIR - 1959



GIRL SCOUT COMMITTEE

FROM THE MINISTER

REV. H. LYNN MCDOWELL

As we celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of our church, Mesdames Grace Johns, Dorothy Webber, Fannie McNair, Marie Hamilton, Margaret W. Cabiness, and Mr. Edward W. Draughan stand out for their contributions to this fellowship. I want to underscore the common basis of their significance.

It has been rightly said of the last number of decades that our society is moving more and more into a belief in "meism." The style is to look out for oneself and disregard others. This was not the case with our honorees. Raised during an era when pride in the race meant preparing not only for their own advancement but for the betterment of the race, our honorees represent the best of our Lincoln Academy Church and Community tradition. Theirs was an attitude which first acknowledged the blessings of training, but more significantly, the challenge and responsibility accompanying that preparation. It is this sense of responsibility to pass something along which is deeply rooted in our six. For each one, be it in the classroom, the choir, the community meetings, or in the church, they have given their best to others. This tradition in them is our very best.

I invite all for whom the words "Lincoln Academy" stir warm memories of days past to thank God for our six honorees. May something of the attitude of grateful service which was fostered by Lincoln Academy and embodied in our six become contagious again as together we march into the second century of our church's existence.

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Let the word go forth from the high places and from the depths of the earth - **HOMECOMING 1995** shall be celebrated on Sunday, September 10, 1995!

No small thing this celebration; **100 years** of memory, hopes, dreams, and experiences shall be consecrated during the morning worship service. **The Rev. Dr. Andrew Young,** United Church of Christ minister and friend of Lincoln Academy shall be our **Centennial speaker** and guide during this time of prayer, praise, and celebration.

So, again and again, let the word go forth, return to **HOMECOMING 1995** - and give thanks to God for the **100 year old** miracle founded on service and nurtured in faith.

SENIOR LAY-MEMBERS
HONORED IN 1993



Mrs. Grace W. Johns



Mrs. Dorothy A. Webber



Miss Fannie J. McNair
(Deceased - 1994)



Mrs. Margaret W. Cabiness



Mr. Edward W. Draughan



Mrs. Marie H. Hamilton
(Deceased - 1993)



THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
1895 - 1995

How quickly this CENTENNIAL year slips by. Its significance goes all but unnoticed in the hustle and bustle of our busy lives. It is as if the long-flowing river of the church's years were so peaceful and its flow so comfortable that its very life is taken for granted and, thus, issues in little.

I pray that our church's 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY is not taken for granted. It is far too easy to live and struggle in the present and forget that whatever strength we possess comes in part through our roots. We of First Congregational, U.C.C. have deep roots nourished by the lives of good souls on whose shoulders we stand. Through the grace of God, we have arrived at elder status as a church. Let that status be our blessing!

Our scriptures are full of references to long life - its promise, reward, and duties of faith. In a very real way, our church's life is that of a single individual soul before God. Thus, the question posed by God to an individual elder apply to our church. As we acknowledge her movement from youth through adolescence to the status of elder, what has our church learned from many years? Has she learned wisdom, strength, and the counsel of understanding? (Job 12:12)? Does she represent sound doctrine and produce men blessed with soundness of faith, charity, and patience? Do her women grow in holiness forsaking gossip and teach good while practicing discretion (Titus 2:1-5)? What is the spiritual health of this lady who now shines with age?

Many of you have made the First Congregational United Church of Christ your spiritual home for numerous years. You have witnessed her youth grow to adulthood and elder status and pass onto their eternal reward. You have supported her with your prayers, treasury, and hands. Now, as she faces this milestone in years, say a silent prayer asking God to bless her anew and provide her with courage to be of holy service for an additional century.

Rev. H. Lynn McDowell



The Minister and Family

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
History

The History of the First Congregational Church of the Lincoln Academy Community is intertwined with the history of Lincoln Academy itself. The Missionaries of the American Missionary Association sought to impart a Christian Education. It was to be an education in the best sense of the term, and in an atmosphere and environment so pervasively that the term "education" and "Christian" become inseparable. Thus, from the beginning there was the witness of an authentic church in action, but without formal, separate organization, which was not a primary aim. The hope was that the particularly Christian emphasis would carry over into homes and the entire community, including the existing churches. History bears witness to the wisdom of this approach.

The First Congregational Church's history is an interesting account of events not only in the church's life but of happenings in Lincoln-Academy Community as well, during the past one hundreed years. Valuable records have been destroyed by fire and others were lost. However, enough historical facts have been gathered to provide a picture of the First Congregational Church from a store-house, first meeting place in 1895 to an organized church in its One Hundred years.

Congregational churches over 140 in number, among blacks in the South, founded and fostered almost entirely by the A.M.A., were spread out over the old slave States, or, as they were also called, the cotton States. These churches were grouped largely about our educational institutions, uplifting faithfully the high place that Congregationalism gives education. Contrary to the generally accepted rule, these churches are the children and not the parents of educational institutions. Tougaloo College, in Mississippi, was the mother of the small group of churches in that State. Talladega College has long been the center of a strong group of churches, sharing with Marion a missionary tradition connected with such names as Henry Brown, the founder of Talladega - the list is long. These churches, started primarily to minister to the religious life of those in our schools and just out of our schools, have had an influence away beyond this number. They have stood for intelligent worship and Christian character; leaders in all denominations pay tribute to the Congregational Churches on these points. Lincoln Academy made possible the first Congregational Church in the community.

The Southern extremity of the Appalachian Range augured an interesting historical development. A few years after the Emancipation Proclamation, a community, mainly of whites, came into being on the discovery of healing springs water from the side of Crowder's Mountain along Kings Mountain southernmost extremities of the range. Healing Springs became a great attraction. At this time, the little community was set on its career as a manufacturing center. There were many who were developers and leaders of the not long built factory which would give importance to the community in years to come. It was during this time that Miss Emily Prudden, a New Englander, came to the area. She had a true pioneer spirit and chose the foot of the beautiful Crowder's Mountain near All Healing Springs as the ideal spot for an educational center. An attractive wooden-frame building was erected. A school for children of patrons and workers came into being.

Miss Prudden was a dedicated teacher. She became disturbed because the children of black workers could not attend her school. There was an old abandoned log cabin across Crowder's Creek; proper arrangements were made and the log cabin was obtained. Each day after school for the whites, Miss Prudden would mount her donkey and go to the log cabin to teach the blacks. Soon she had quite a school of children as well as adults. The log cabin was made larger as time passed. Later a wooden-frame building was constructed. Already there was a small community of blacks, others heard of the school and moved into the community. This was the beginning of Lincoln Academy, founded by Miss Emily Prudden in 1888 and named for the emancipator, Abraham Lincoln. In the course of time the American Missionary Association heard of the compassionate Yankee and her school. Now, Miss Prudden, because of ill health, had decided to retire. So, in 1890 she deeded her school to the American Missionary Association.

After Miss Prudden's departure, Miss Lillian S. Cathcart came to the school as principal. The school began with one matron, Mrs. Hattie Lee and three teachers, namely Misses Reid, Agnes David and Mamie Lee. Miss Cathcart immediately began adding to her staff. She endeared herself to the community. Many babies were given her name. The school and community grew under her guidance, as Lincoln Academy was the first school miles around for black children.

Various improvements were being made. Miss Cathcart had begun soliciting funds for a new building. Miss Susan Cathcart gave the first one thousand dollars for the building. The three story building was finally completed in 1901 and named for Miss Cathcart. The building was used as the boy's dormitory, dining room, Chapel and for regular classes. Years later it became the administration building limited to office, Library, Music and classes.

Mr. William Borders was the only graduate in the class of 1894 and Mr. Jacob Webber was the first graduate of the school, class of 1893. It was paramount that the school was to impart a Christian education. It was to be an education in the best sense of the term, and in an atmosphere and environment so pervasively Christian that the term "education" and "Christian" would become inseparable. Thus, from the beginning, there was a witness of an authentic church in action, but without formal, separate organization. No separate church existed at first, but it was the hope that the particularly Christian emphasis would carry over into the home and entire Lincoln Academy community. This hope was soon a reality and Christian services soon pervaded the union of school and church.

It happened, however, that in the course of a few years, community residents, having become accustomed to religious observances on school campus, requested an organized church. It is interesting to note here, that from 1888 to 1917, all the teachers and ministers were white. In response to the request, several community leaders met with Miss Cathcart, Miss Newton, and with Dr. Curtis from the AMA to formulate plans for an organized church. The conference with Dr. Curtis was in 1895 and the church was recognized by the Congregational denomination, appearing in the 1895 Annual Directory. There were no normal church expenses since the buildings were available as were the leaders. However, the women were assessed $1.00 per month and men "more than a dollar." Such monthly offerings were used for worthy causes. Church activities blossomed and soon there were Mid-week Prayer Meetings, Christian Endeavor, and vespers. Ministers from nearby churches were called upon to serve communion.

After Miss Cathcart there were principals Stevens, Bushee, Strang, and Rev. A. Hart. They continued the work started by Miss Prudden and Miss Cathcart, all making great contributions. However, Rev. Hart stayed longer than the others and it was during the administration that the first black Minister, Rev. William Sawyer, came to be pastor of First Congregational Church in 1917. First Congregational Church shared Rev. Sawyer with First Congregational Church in Lowell, NC. Rev. Hart also included black teachers on his staff for the first time in the history of the school. They were miss Martha Brown, Miss Margaret Matthew, Miss Dominis, and Rev. and Mrs. LaCour.

In 1922, Rev. Walter Edward Ricks came as the first black principal and Minister of the church. Rev. Ricks and his family were well received. Immediately, Rev. Ricks began working to strengthen the church and to get the school accredited. He strengthened evangelism, increased the membership, and broadened the program of the church. He is credited with having made Lincoln Academy a remarkable institution.

In 1923 Lincoln Academy became accredited by the Southern Association of Secondary schools. Although it originated as a private institution, the county did provide some financial assistance in its operation. Because of its academic standards and because it had a 12th grade, the Academy attracted students from out of State and from foreign countries.

Under Rev. Rick's administration the plant was enlarged. He secured the co-operation of the Superintendent in providing a Rosenwald primary school for the community. The American Missionary Association gave the site. Mr. Ricks and his fellow workders combed the community and near-by towns for gifts. A six-room and auditorium school building was erected. A beautiful dining hall, boys' dormitory and bell tower was constructed. A barn for the school's cattle was also added. With the ideal location and beauty, plus facilities, the campus became the Center for the Congregational ministers' conference, a young people's conference, Boy and Girl Scout camp, and other such activities that were carried on in the summer months. Th YWCA and YMCA conferences along the with Ministers' conferences brought outstanding leaders, laymen and missionaries from all over the world, for example: Andrew Young, Dr. Howard Thurman (who incidentally was married on campus), Sue Bailey Thurman, Walter White, George White, Dr. Channing Tobias, Fred Brownlee, Presidents of Colleges, and others.

Mr. Ricks was a firm disciplinarian. Chapel devotions were held daily. One day each week the students were expected to memorize a bible verse or poem to recite in chapel devotions. Bible was taught as part of the church's mission and school curriculum.

Dr. Orishatukeh Faduma, a native of Sierra Leone, Africa was the associate minister and a teacher during Rev. Rick's pastorate and principalship. Dr. Faduma worked with the young people of the community. He was well trained, cultured, genial, conscientious, and was welcomed wherever he went. From the very beginning, the church and school have had highly trained ministers, principals, and teachers.

Dr. Faduma conducted mid-week prayer meetings and directed the Bible School. First Congregational Church, like all other black Congregational churches, observed Galangue Day. During the year, the church would conduct a drive to raise money for the Mission in Galangue, Africa. The children saved their pennies; it was a church family project. Everyone knew the story of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis McDowell who were the first blacks to be sent out as missionaries under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in 1919.

They founded the Galangue Mission which was supported by Black Congregational Churches. When the money which was collected during the drive was all in, there was a special service. Those raising the highest amounts were given a certificate of appreciation. The gifts were dedicated and sent to the McDowells. When Dr. and Mrs. McDowell were home on furlough, they would visit the churches telling about their work.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter E. Ricks served the church and school for 13 years. Their children, Walter, Jr. and Dorothy, received their elementary secondary education at Lincoln Academy. In 1935 Rev. and Mrs. Ricks retired. They continued to live in the community.

In 1936 the Rev. John Dillingham succeeded Rev. Walter E. Ricks as pastor of the church and principal of the school. Rev. Dillingham did not remain at the Academy. He received a call to do only church work. Mr. Samuel Parham became acting principal for the remainder of the year. Mr. Parham gave invaluable service as teacher and in the total area of education while at Lincoln Academy.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Curtis McDowell came to the church in 1937 as its minister and principal of the school. "Dr. McDowell was on leave of absence from the mission field because of the illness of his wife. He had spent 18 years in Africa and had distinguished himself as a Christian missionary and educator. He started hundreds of schools and trained pastors. He had been selected by the black churches and the American Board to start a work on the mission field that black churches could support. He came to the school with experience and wisdom." He is responsible for steering the school through one of the most difficult periods - the years of depression. Dr. McDowell brought the NYA group to Lincoln Academy. This group made repairs, built a vocation building, canteen, and an athletic field for games. A home for the principal was also built with gifts from Northern churches and friends. The school bus was purchased. He helped to establish Mutual Exchange and Credit Union for the community. The church continued to minister to the students and community. There were confirmation classes and Bible study groups. Formal worship services were held twice a month; however, Sunday School was held each Sunday. Other activities were carried on during the summer months: Bible School, Scouting, and Young People's conference. In 1944, Dr. McDowell was married to Miss Ruth Alexander, and he was also called to be Minister of the Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church in New Haven, Connecticut.

In 1947, Mrs. Ruth Alexander McDowell was commissioned by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, as a missionary to serve in Angola West Africa. Dr. and Mrs. McDowell sailed in 1947, he to continue his work started 18 years earlier and Ruth a new life career. The First Congregational United Church of Christ is proud to claim Ruth Alexander as its first and only missionary to serve overseas. From 1944 to 1955, the church was served by ministerial students from Johnson C. Smith University.

Mr. Herman Twitty was principal of the school for a short period. However, in 1945 Professor Edgar D. Wilson became principal and Director of Lincoln Academy. Mr. Wilson had been principal in the county for a number of years before coming to Lincoln Academy in 1942. Mr. Wilson continued the work at Lincoln Academy until it closed in 1955. While the new school building was being built, it also meant that the church was forced to funcation as a separate organization.

In 1955, the Reverend Russell Joseph Shipman came as the minister of First Congregational Church as it began functioning as an entirely separate organization. Rev. Shipman, a product of Lincoln Academy, with rare patience, dedication, and sacrifice, steered the group in acquiring the old Baker School, formerly for whites. The building was remodeled, central heating was installed, rest rooms, kitchen, and Sunday School classrooms were done, and a Fellowship Hall was provided. Stained glass windows were put in, and the floors were also redone. Now, for the first time, the group had its own building. The task of paying for all the remodeling, plus the property, brought the group into a cohesive working unit.

Some important decisions were made affecting church government in the early years of the Rev. Russell J. Shipman's pastorate. A committee was elected to study the Rules of Order and draw up a new Constitution and Bylaws defining the church's actual policies and practices. The committee worked on the document item by item. Several reports were made. The final report was brought to the Annual Meeting and adapted. It was voted also that the church should have one treasury where all funds should be turned over to and dispensed by the treasurer upon authorization, as defined in the constitution and bylaws.

Because of the lack of sufficient funds, Rev. Shipman was also pastor of the First Congregational Church in Troy, NC. Formal worship services were held twice a month and the other two Sundays were with the Troy Church. However, Sunday School was held every Sunday and other activities were carried on during the week.

Under Rev. Shipman's guidance, the church grew. Through the years many improvements were made. On April 6, 1961, it was voted that the church become a member of the United Church of Christ, which had been formed in 1957 by the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

After many years of twice a month worship services, the membership voted to have worship service every Sunday. The group experienced reorganization. A Couple's Club, composed of the younger members of the church was organized, The Churchmen's Fellowship began functioning, the Youth Fellowship made progress, several confirmation classes were held and the Women's Fellowship continued active. Bible School was held during the summer months. Later, the church council came into being which was composed of representatives from all boards, Women's and Men's groups, and other organizations for governing the church's affairs.

Afer many years of dedicated service, the Rev. Russell J. Shipman retired and because of high esteem for him the church made him Pastor emeritus, December 1981. Other improvements made during Rev. Shipman's Pastorate include: pleasing Sanctuary with stained glass windows along side and back of Sanctuary, carpeted floors, divided chancel, worship center, organ and piano were purchased; renovations in dining area, office and study. The building is air conditioned. The church continues active in the Western NC Association, Southern Conference and on the national level. The location, though rural, is wonderfully situated. In an area of five miles there are Gastonia, Dallas, Bessemer City, Kings Mountain, and Clover.

In February of 1982 the church called its first female minister, the Reverend Yvonne Beasley. Rev. Beasley gave invaluable service not only in the church but in the surrounding community. Rev. Beasley served the church for 4 years. She resigned to accept the position of Associate Conference Minister for Eastern North Carolina.

Rev. Henry Lynn McDowell was called in 1986 as Minister of the church. Rev. McDowell is the grandson of Dr. Henry Curtis McDowell who was the Minister of the church from 1937 -1944. Rev. Henry Lynn McDowell continues to give that invaluable service. The church has added new members and made improvements: landscaping, carpeting throughout the rooms of the building, office equipment and Narthex furniture added. Although new members have been added the number of deaths have kept the membership small. There are still problems and challenges. Young people are too few. Nevertheless, the church continues to be a beacon light and has exercised an influence quite out of proportion to its numerical strength.

How does one pay tribute to the hundreds of members who have served in untold ways? Unfortunately, one cannot. These qualities - deep devotion, sacrifice and service, a spirit of cooperation are the foundation on which a handful of our pioneers built this church and on which successive generations have continued to build for 100 years. **These are our "Heritage."**

By
Ruth Alexander McDowell

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School was started by Miss Emily Prudden during 1886. Miss Prudden was teaching in the area at a white school. When she discovered that blacks did not have a school and could not attend her school, she decided to do something. Soon she was meeting with the blacks. They met in a small room of the log cabin. During the summer, the group met outside and sat on the ground. They had 15 children and about 10 adults when Miss Prudden first began meeting with the group. She taught Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, and Bible. As they learned to read the Bible, Miss Prudden invited all to come each Sunday to study the Bible lessons.

When Miss Prudden left, Miss Lillian Cathcart came to the area and continued the lessons and the Sunday School. As the months passed, there was a steady increase in attendance. The teachers would visit in the community. Some meetings were held in the homes. Miss Cathcart always stressed sharing regardless of how little one possessed. The children saved their pennies and brought them each Sunday for the Mission box. Such offerings, including the adults', were used to help the needy. This work by Miss Prudden and Miss Cathcart was done long before the church was organized. From the very beginning, the teachers were white. They worked in the community endlessly.

Sunday School was held every Sunday. There were no full-time ministers dueing the early years. However, Miss Cathcart had regular services. For the sermons, she would read works of outstanding ministers. Soon there were regular mid-week prayer meetings, Christian Endeavor, and Women Missionary Society.

Sunday School was a must for the community folk. The Sunday School continued to grow. The teachers felt that God has called all his People to be ministers - that one's opportunities for witnessing would vary according to one's own abilities and the needs of the people in his or her community.

When Rev. Alva Hart came to the school, he continued the work of the Founders. Rev. Hart added a Black to his faculty, Rev. William Sawyer. Daily Vacation Bible School was begun. Mr. Jacob "Willie" Roberts became our first Superintendent. There were church picnics, games, and a Children's Day was observed every June with the children participating in the service.

Rev. Walter E. Ricks, the first black principal, engaged all black teachers. Bible School was a huge success with a hundred or more attending the school. Other Ministers serving the church found the Sunday School meeting a real need. There were Confirmation classes, Children's Choir, Youth Groups, and Bible classes during the week. From the very beginning the Sunday School has been a vital force in the religious life of the community people and church.

Past Sunday School Superintendents: Mr. Carl M. Roberts, Mrs. Mary M. Price, Mr. Oku Twitty, Mrs. Dorothy Webber, Mrs. Ruth A. McDowell, Mrs. Alberta Peterson, Mr. E. D. Wilson, Jr., Mr. Floyd Johnson, Mr. Jethro Henry, Mr. Joel Marable and currently, Mr. Fred Spencer.

Dedicated Teachers: Mr. George W. Miller, Mrs. Martha McLeod, Mrs. Cynthia Simpson, Mrs. Ruth A. McDowell, and Mrs. Addie Grier.

Sincere appreciation is extended to Mr. George W. Miller for his dedication on an excellent job as teacher and advisor for our Sunday School.

R.A.M.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

1888 - 1995

The women of the Lincoln Academy Community were a working group long before the church was organized. These women, Mrs. Louise Alexander, Mrs. Eliza Clemmer, Mrs. Eurie Roberts, Mrs. Lizzie Webber, Mrs. Mary West McNair, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Torrence, Mrs. Hattie Wellmon, and Mrs. Mary McNair Price were a "caring group," comforting the bereaved, feeding the hungry and visiting the sick. This type of concern, love, and interest for neighbors has continued through the years. Most of the women were members of nearly churches of various denominations.

As the numbers in the group increased, their activities increased. The women met in the homes, always beginning with a prayer service. They became organized in that they selected a leader and became known as the Missionary Society. Every effort was made to spread the gospel through missions. The Society members made garments and quilts for the needy. Some of the articles were sent overseas. Unfortunately, we do not have names of all the women who worked in the group. We know that it did not matter what church some of the women were connected with, they were always welcome in the Missionary Society.

Life during the early years was not easy. While these women were trying to care for their own families, they found ways to help others. In the Lincoln Academy community, most of the work was farming. The families were poor. They were not able to buy many needed articles. Some prevailing prices: flour $.03/lb., salt $.01/lb., lamp chimney $.15/lb., cook stove $29, and a chamber $.50.

It seems that the women made all of their clothing and some of their men's. They bought denim, cotton, and flannel. The men's readymade clohting included: overhauls, pants, and coats. Articles were not thrown away. The blacksmith repaired wagons and coffee mill, and shoed mules. Mr. Charlie McNair was the blacksmith.

The coffins for the burials were made by neighbors. The men of the family or neighbors carried the coffin to the cemetary. And, as there was no church during those years, they must have had grave-side services.

The women did not give up because of hardships. After the organization of the church years later in 1895, the group became organized with officers. The community developed a stronger "caring and closeness" for neighbors. The women continued as the Missionary Society until in the 70s when the name was changed to the Women's Fellowship. They elected officers and continued meeting in homes for awhile. The group had grown from a dozen or more women to 50 including friends. The Couple's Club, a group of younger members, was formed under the Women's Fellowship. They had their own officers and programs. Some programs presented: family night each year, birthday celebrations of members, Christmas programs, dinners for bereaved families, and other outreach activities in our conference and overseas.

The following women of the church who are now deceased served as presidents: Mrs. Torrence, Mrs. Dulcina DeBerry, Mrs. L. E. Ricks, Mrs. Ellen Alexander, Mrs. Marie Hamilton, Mrs. Constance Henry Evans, and Ms. Virgie Webber.

Other presidents include: Mrs. Dorothy Webber, Mrs. Laura Falls, Mrs. Margaret Wilson Cabiness, and Mrs. Reola McNair.

"Love Thy Neighbor" is what the women endeavor to practice. As we strive to foster spiritual growth in ourselves, in our homes, and in our communities, we enlarge our opportunities for Christian service and giving. R.A.M.

THE CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Churchmen's Fellowship as it is known today is a continuation of a group of Lincoln Academy community men who gave their time, used their hands and talent in helping those in need. They help build homes, made furniture and many other projects.

Years later a number of men feeling the need of a men's group in the church, decided to organize the men for Christian service and fellowship. The organization was welcomed into the activities of the church. Traditionally, men's groups have been strong in fellowship and service.

First Congregational United Church of Christ Churchmen's Fellowship has grown and continues to support all areas of the church, by participating, by making contributions to our Southern Conference, serving on committees and serving our community. The men sponsor the annual Dutch Dinner, observe Fathers Day each year with a special service, honor a Man Of The Year and a Father Of The Year. Many church improvements have been made by the Churchmen's Fellowship; purchasing pew cushions, public address system, landscaping and purchased church furniture.

With the excellent leadership the Churchmen's Fellowship continues to cover a broad range of emphasis, fellowship, worship, education and service.

The present officers are: President, George W. Miller, Spurgeon W. Webber, Jr., Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Lemuel Froneberger and Parliamentarian, Joseph Roberts.

THE CHURCH CHOIR

For many years the music for worship services was rendered by the music teacher of Lincoln Academy. The students formed the choral group and furnished special selections. This arrangement worked well. With the music teacher in charge, we were assured of quality music and singing. Excellence of music is rather synonymous with the name of our school and church.

However, during the summer months, the church was without the music teacher and the boarding students. As soon as school was closed, the teachers and students returned to their homes. The church had to depend upon someone to play for the services whenever available. After many years of this arrangement, the community people decided to organize a "church choir" composed of community residents. At this time, there was a member of the Lincoln Academy faculty whose work included living on the campus and working during the summer months. Miss Ruby Hayes was the person. She played the piano and sang. It was by common consent that Miss Hayes direct the church choir and play for the services. In the late 1940s, the church choir was organized by Miss Hayes in Peck Cottage on the Lincoln Academy campus. The first officers and members were: Mrs. Ellen Alexander, President, Mrs. Lela Wellmon, Vice President, Mrs. Dorothy Webber, Secretary, and Mrs. Duella Webb Johnson, Treasurer. Members included: Mrs. Mable Boyce, Mr. Erie Boyce, Mrs. Lily Whitworth, Mr. Floyd Johnson, and Mr. Spurgeon W. Webber, Sr.

Several years later, Mrs. Margaret W. Wilson became the director and pianist. Mrs. Wilson was also a trained organist. The church did not have an organ at this time, but later an organ was purchased and dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Ellen Gill Alexander, the first president and a dedicated worker in the church for many years. Mrs. Wilson was a music teacher in Gaston County with Music and English as her majors. She continued to teach and served as Minister of Music for the church until she retired. She then became full-time organist and choir director. There were members added to the choir: Lemuel Boulware, Carl M. Roberts, Willie B. Roberts, Edna H. Draughan, Lillie Twitty Cooke, Faye W. Webber, and Dorothy Ricks Womble. Later Fannie McNair moved home to work. She joined the choir. Barbara Walls Shivers served as guest soloist.

Under Mrs. Wilson's direction there have been outstanding Easter Cantatas and cooperation in arranging music for any program or activity for the church and community. All this and more represents the type leadership and quality of music the church had in its Minister of Music. Soon community students from the school chorus joined the choir. Of course, most of the students had been in Mrs. Wilson's Choral group in school. And they were: Barbara McClain, Jacqueline Webber Thomas, Ruby Adams Wright, Marguerite Wilson Jordan, Bobbie Roberts, Leatrice McNair Farrish, Joe Starr, Spurgeon Webber, Jr., Earl Hugh Webber, Robert Guyton, Edgar D. Wilson, Jr., and JoAnn McNair. When some of the students left for college, friends from Pleasant Ridge Church helped on special occasions. The relationship of the two churches has always been good. Clyde Cathey, Warren Cathey, Lemuel Froneberger, and James Froneberger were among those from Pleasant Ridge Church that helped whenever called upon. They later joined First Congregational UCC.

The choir has had losses. Upon the passing of Mrs. Ellen Alexander, Miss Fannie McNair became the choir's president. Miss McNair served as a member of the choir and its president until ill health. She passed away in 1994. Barbara McClain was then elected president of the choir.

Others joining the choir were: Sandra Falls, Darlene Falls, Edna Floyd, and John Mitchell.

Mrs. Wilson became Mrs. Cabiness and retired after 50 years as organist and choir director. Mr. Frank Boulware served for awhile as Organist/Choir Director. Mr. Furman Davis is currently the Organist/Choir Director. New choir members include: Martha McLeod, Maggie W. Gingles, Mary Starnes, Judge Donald Ramseur, Treda Berry, Fred Spencer, and Kelly Starnes, guest soloist.

The Choir has always provided beautiful and appropriate music for the worship service. Your faithfulness is greatly appreciated. R.A.M.

THE DIACONATE



James Froneberger
Chairman



Roosevelt Brooks



First Row: L-R — Rev.McDowell, Dorothy Webber, Laura Falls, Margaret W. Cabiness, Reola McNair, James Froneberger, John Mitchell.
Second Row: L-R — Francis Webber, Mamie Stokes, Rogerlyn Brooks, Nancy Webber, Jay Jones.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL



Mamie B. Stokes
Chairman



E. W. Draughan



TRUSTEES AND DIACONATE MEMBERS
AND TWO MEMBERS AT LARGE

TRUSTEE BOARD



L-R: Ralph C. Gingles, Ruth McDowell, Fred Spencer, Lemuel Froneberger, Barbara McClain, Donald E. Ramseur, Spurgeon W. Webber, Jr., George W. Miller, Rev. H. Lynn McDowell center back.



Spurgeon W. Webber, Jr.
Chairman



Mr. & Mrs. Fred Spencer
Custodian Care



Edward W. Draughan
Former Chairman



MEN OF THE L.A. COMMUNITY — 1940

Seated L-R: Evan McNair, Spurgeon W. Webber, Jr., Quincy Starr, Spurgeon Webber, Sr., Cornelius Wellmon, Joe Starr, Eric Boyce, Floyd Johnson.
Standing L-R: John McClain, Earl H. Webber, Melvin Dial, Jessie Rhodes, Odell Whitworth and Charlie Parrott.



CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
1995



George W. Miller
President



THE FIRST WOMEN'S GROUP 1888

Included in the picture above are the following: Mrs. Louise Alexander and Martin, Mrs. Eurie Roberts and Otis, Mrs. Lizzie Webber and Charles, Mrs. Hattie Wellmon and Percy, Mrs. Eliza Clemmer and Mack, Mrs. Mary McNair, Mrs. Aaron Webb, Mrs. Armstrong.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
1995
Reola McNair - President



L-R: Ruth McDowell, Jean Webber, Barbara McClain, Laura Falls, Dorothy Webber, Minnie Froneberger, Reola McNair, Linda Tate, Rogerlyn Brooks, Januita Gingles, Treda Berry, Prince Ramseur, Rose Ann McDowell.
Back Row L-R: LaVaughn Gingles, Rebecca Roberts, Nancy Webber, Margaret W. Cabiness, Rev. McDowell, Mamie Stokes.



The Congregation at Worship



The Chancel Choir

MEMBERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Faye W. Webber



George W. Miller



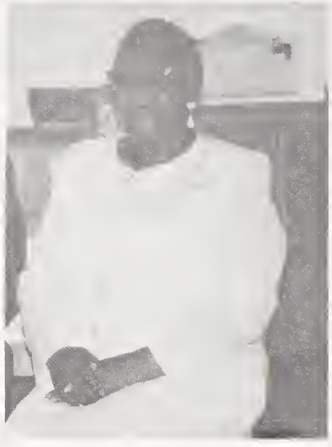
Lemuel Froneberger



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CHILDREN'S CLASS

OUR 100 YEARS CHURCH ACTIVITIES





















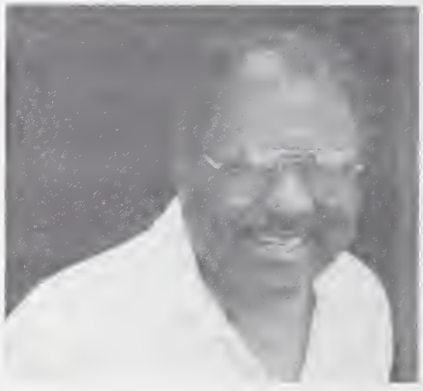




























































THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
100th ANNIVERSARY
THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
THE REVEREND H. LYNN MCDOWELL

SEPTEMBER 10, 1995 11:00 A.M.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE ..... "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" ..... Bach

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES ..... The Acolytes

THE PROCESSIONAL ..... "God of Grace and God of Glory" ..... Fosdick

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

MINISTER: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before God's presence with singing.

PEOPLE: Know ye that the Lord is God: it is God that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

MINISTER: Enter into God's gates with thanksgiving, and into God's courts with praise: be thankful unto God and bless God's name.

PEOPLE: For the Lord is good, God's mercy is everlasting; and God's truth endures to all generations.

THE INTROIT ..... "Gentle Shepherd" ..... Gaither

THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: ..... Reverend Yvonne Beasley

O Holy God, we come into thy presence with awe, for you are great in love, power, and mercy. We come mindful of all the saints who have gone before us having given of themselves for the building and nurturing of this thy church. We pray for courage to serve thee in our time asking of thy Spirit of Love to direct us into the next one hundred years of consecrated service to thy Son and our Lord Jesus Christ who did teach us to pray saying ...

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 6 ..... "O Worship the King" ..... Haydn

THE UNISON READING (Insert)

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON ..... Exodus 20:1-17 ..... Dr. Spurgeon W. Webber, Jr.
Matthew 16:13-19

THE ANTHEM ..... "Seek Ye The Lord" ..... Roberts
The Chancel Choir

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER RESPONSE ..... "Teach Us to Pray" ..... LaRowe
The Men's Ensemble

THE WELCOME TO VISITORS

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

THE ORGAN OFFERTORY ..... "Prelude, Op 28, No. 15" ..... Chopin

THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

THE ANNIVERSARY SERMON

THE HONORABLE ANDREW YOUNG
FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS
AND MAYOR OF ATLANTA

THE SELECTION ..... "Keep Your Lamps" ..... Thomas
The Chancel Choir

THE LITANY OF REDEDICATION ..... The Reverend Alan C. Miller

Minister: O God, who art present in all places of thy dominion to accept and further the services of all thy creatures; hear us, we humbly beseech thee, and by thy Holy Spirit reconsecrate this church which we here rededicate unto thee.
For the worship of thy holy Name:
For the ministry of the word;
For the administration of the sacraments;

People: We rededicate this church.

Minister: For comfort to those who mourn;
For help to those who are tempted;
For strength to those who are weak;

People: We rededicate this church.

Minister: For the blessing of the family;
For the guidance of childhood;
For the summoning of youth to a life of service;

People: We rededicate this church.

Minister: For sympathy and fellowship with the needy;
For brotherhood with all men;
For the unity of all believers in Christ;

People: We rededicate this church.

Minister: For aggression against evil;
For fostering civic righteousness;
For promoting peace and justice in all the earth;

People: We rededicate this church.

Minister: For the sending forth of the gospel unto the uttermost parts of the earth;
For the giving of hope and courage to those that labor in the Lord;
For the consecration of life and service;

People: We rededicate this church.

Minister: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father which art in heaven;
People: To thee we rededicate this church.

Minister: O God, the Son, Saviour of the World, Head of the Church, Prophet, Priest, and King;
People: To thee we rededicate this church.

Minister: O God, the Holy Spirit, Teacher, Sanctifier, and Comforter, Lord and Giver of life;
People: To thee we rededicate this church.

THE SELECTION ..... "Psalm 150" ..... The Chancel Choir

THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN ..... Rev. Dr. Andrew Young

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES ..... The Acolytes

THE RECESSIONAL ..... "For All The Saints" ..... Barnby

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THE USHERS: ..... Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Brooks ..... Mr. and Mrs. Francis Webber

THE GREETERS: ..... Mrs. Constance Guyton ..... Mrs. Cynthia Simpson

THE GUEST BOOK: ..... Mrs. Linda Tate

The Beautiful Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frazier and Hattie McNair; son, E. Wesley by their family, Leatrice, JoAnn, Marshall, Delores, Anne, Nicole and John.



The Honorable Andrew Young

United Church of Christ Minister

Former United Nations Ambassador

and

Mayor of Atlanta

One Hundredth Anniversary

Speaker

We, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Lincoln Academy Community, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, are honored to have as our One Hundredth Anniversary speaker the Honorable Andrew Young world renowned leader.

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Young is a graduate of Howard University and Hartford Theological Seminary. He has spent more than 35 years in public service. Dr. Young pastored small Congregational churches in Marion, Alabama, and in Thomasville and Beachton, Georgia. Later he moved to New York City to become Associate Director of the Department of Youth Work for the National Council of Churches. In 1961, Dr. Young returned to Atlanta to work as a top aide to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement. He served as Executive Vice President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Dr. Young was elected to three terms in the United States Congress where he represented the Fifth Congressional District of Georgia. In 1977, he resigned his seat in the House of Representatives to become United States Ambassador to the United Nations under Jimmy Carter.

First elected Mayor of Atlanta in 1981, Dr. Young was re-elected for a second term in 1985. During his administration, over half a million jobs were created, and the metropolitan region attracted more than $70 billion dollars in private investment and construction.

As a result of Dr. Young's visibility in both the national and international arenas, he played an instrumental role in bringing the 1996 Summer Olympic Games to Atlanta. Currently, he serves as Co-Chairman of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG).

Dr. Young is a member of numerous boards, including: Delta Airlines, Thomas Nelson Publishing Company, Host Marriott Corporation, the Howard University Board of Trustees, the Georgia Tech Advisory Board, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center Board of Directors, the Global Infrastructure Fund, and the Center for Global Partnership.

Dr. Young has received many awards during his career. The Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian award, the Legion d'Honneur (France), and more than 35 honorary degrees from Universities such as Notre Dame, Yale, Morehouse, and Emory.

Dr. Young and his wife, Jean, are the parents of four children and three grandchildren.

The First Congregational United Church of Christ welcomes Andrew Young to our church, to our homes, and to our community and express our grateful appreciation in his coming to us as our Centennial Speaker and friend. From our Pastor, Reverend Henry Lynn McDowell, the officers, members, and friends, we render you God's warmest heartfelt blessings. You are an inspiration to all of us.

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September 10, 1995

Rev. H. Lynn McDowell
and Congregation
First Congregational
United Church of Christ
209 C.V. Alexander Drive
Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write on behalf of the entire United Church of Christ to greet you as you celebrate the centennial year of First Congregational United Church of Christ. This is truly an impressive milestone to be observed with great joy as you remember all God empowered your forebears to do and has empowered you to do.

God be with you and bless you as, building on your remarkable past, you recommit yourselves to future ministry.

In Christ,

Paul H. Sherry

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President

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ROLLIN O. RUSSELL
Conference Minister

RAYMOND W. HARGROVE
Church Development



May 24, 1995

First Congregational U.C.C.
209 C.V. Alexander Drive
Kings Mountain NC 28086

Dear Friends in Christ:

Congratulations on the 100th Anniversary of the founding of First Congregational United Church of Christ in the Lincoln Academy Community of Kings Mountain, N.C. I know that your celebration on September 10 will be a joyous one. Your congregation has a distinguished history of service to God and to your neighbors, and of witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Your long affiliation through Lincoln Academy with the American Missionary Association, and the United Church of Christ is unique among our churches, and you are justifiably proud of that great heritage. On behalf of all of the 307 congregations of the Southern Conference, I pray for God's richest blessings as you move into the second century of ministry, mission, witness and service. Warmest personal regards to all.

Cordially

Rollin O. Russell

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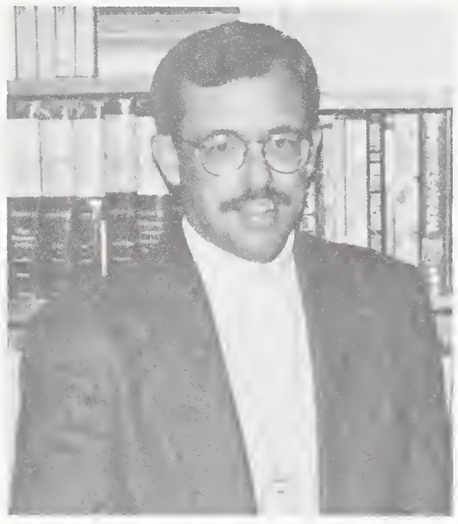
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ALAN C. MILLER
Associate Conference Minister

PATRICIA CADLE
Program Associate



June 6, 1995

First Congregational United Church of Christ
209 C.V. Alexander Drive
Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086-9607

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings . . . Personally and on behalf of the congregations and pastors of the Western North Carolina Association of the United Church of Christ, I am writing to extend congratulations and best wishes to the congregation of First Congregational United Church of Christ as you celebrate one hundred years of proclaiming the Gospel in the Kings Mountain area.

Anniversaries are good times to pause and reflect with thanksgiving on "those who have gone before us in the way" and to accept anew the challenge to be Christ's church in our time and our place, for it is the vision and faith of those who have gone before us that will sustain us in the present and will propel us into the future.

The twenty-two thousand Christians and the one hundred ten congregations that make up the United Church of Christ in western North Carolina are proud to stand with you in this year of celebration, and to renew our pledge to journey with you in the years to come.

Peace,

Alan C. Miller
Associate Southern Conference Minister
for the Western North Carolina Association

FROM the DESK of.....

HAROLD D. LONG

June 6, 1995

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Lincoln Academy Community
Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I rejoice in this opportunity to greet you on the occasion of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.

Your church was brought to my attention by your former Pastor, Dr. Henry Curtis McDowell, who with his wife, Ruth, gave much of their lives to the local church, the Kings Mountain Academy, and to mission work in Africa.

There is embedded in my memory images from the paintings of Jewel Simmons. This artist captured on canvass the images of the physical enjoyment and the spiritual enlightenment that the youth in the Convention of the South shared together during the summers they spent at Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain church and Academy helped develop the lives of many who have made contributions in both the religious and secular world.

God has guided you by the Holy Spirit these one-hundred years. Thanks be to God.

Continue to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all your future endeavors.

Go well!

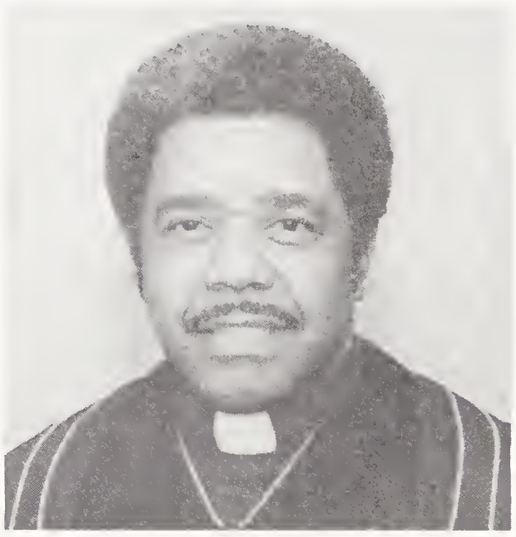
Harold D. Long

Harold D. Long
Minister Emeritus
Church of the Open Door
Miami, Florida 33127

UNITED AMERICAN
FREE WILL BAPTIST DENOMINATION, INC.

P. O. BOX 3303
KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28502-3303

May - 1995



Greetings to Rev. H. Lynn McDowell and First Congregational United Church of Christ, Lincoln Academy Community.

On the occasion of the celebration of your church's ONE HUNDRED YEAR ANNIVERSARY, as General Bishop of the United American Free Will Baptist Denomination, Inc., I am pleased to extend warm greetings.

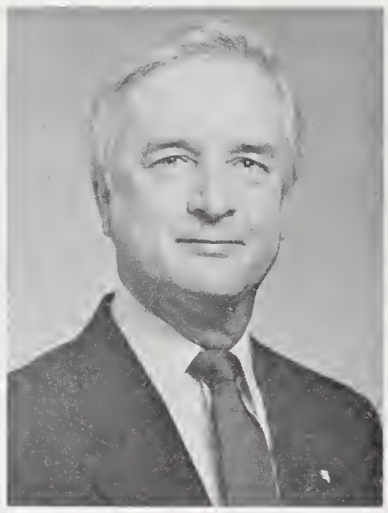
As one who is aware of the role the church has in our daily lives, I commend you for your continuous commitment to the principles of Christianity. First Congregational sets an example for others to follow as you pursue the goals of Love, Peace and Harmony for mankind. I am sure that the Greater Kings Mountain, Gastonia, and Charlotte communities can continue to look to you for leadership.

On behalf of the United American Free Will Baptist Denomination, I extend best wishes.

Yours truly in Christ,

J. E. Reddick, General Bishop

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
RALEIGH 27603-8001



JAMES B. HUNT JR.
GOVERNOR

September 10, 1995

First Congregational
United Church of Christ
Route 1, Box 63
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of North Carolina, it is indeed my privilege to extend greetings and to offer congratulations on the occasion of Homecoming at First Congregational, United Church of Christ.

Founded in 1895 in conjunction with Lincoln Academy, the Church has a proud history. Today's homecoming will afford the opportunity for both reflection and resolution. You can look back on a ministry that has impacted hundreds of lives. Additionally, you can make exciting plans for your future ministry and the lives that will be touched. My wish is that today's events will do both.

I welcome Dr. Andrew Young to the pulpit as your Homecoming speaker. Best wishes to one and all for an exciting and uplifting Homecoming.

My warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

James B. Hunt Jr.

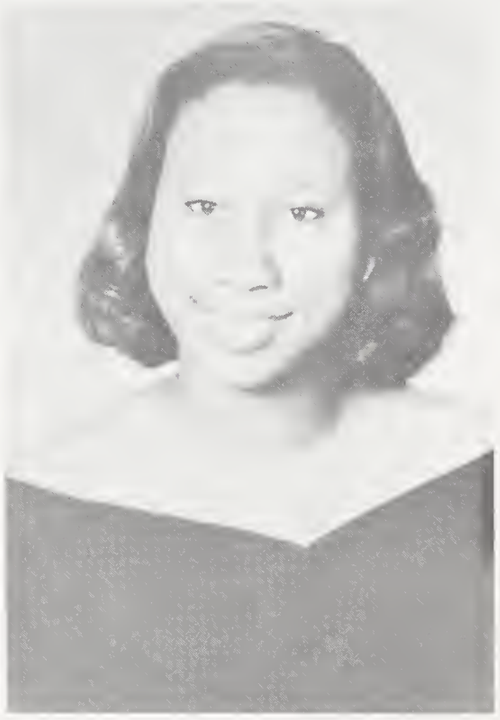
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For your great influence and widespread recognition in religious and spiritual realms over the past century, we extend our sincere Congratulations to First Congregational United Church of Christ. May God Bless You.

WILLIAM ALPHONSO BROWN
KATHLEEN COSTNER BROWN



CANDACE GRAVES

CONGRATULATIONS!

It is my distinct pleasure to convey my warm regards as you gather to celebrate your 100th year. An institution founded on faith that all things are possible with God.

From Elizabeth Joy Worthy Graves
and Candace A. Graves

CONGRATULATIONS

On Your

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

First Congregational United Church of Christ

John Biggers
and Wife,
Hazel H. Biggers

and

Ferrie Biggers Arnold and Husband, James Arnold

"Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You"

Sincere Best Wishes
And
Congratulations
To
First Congregational United
Church Of Christ
On Its
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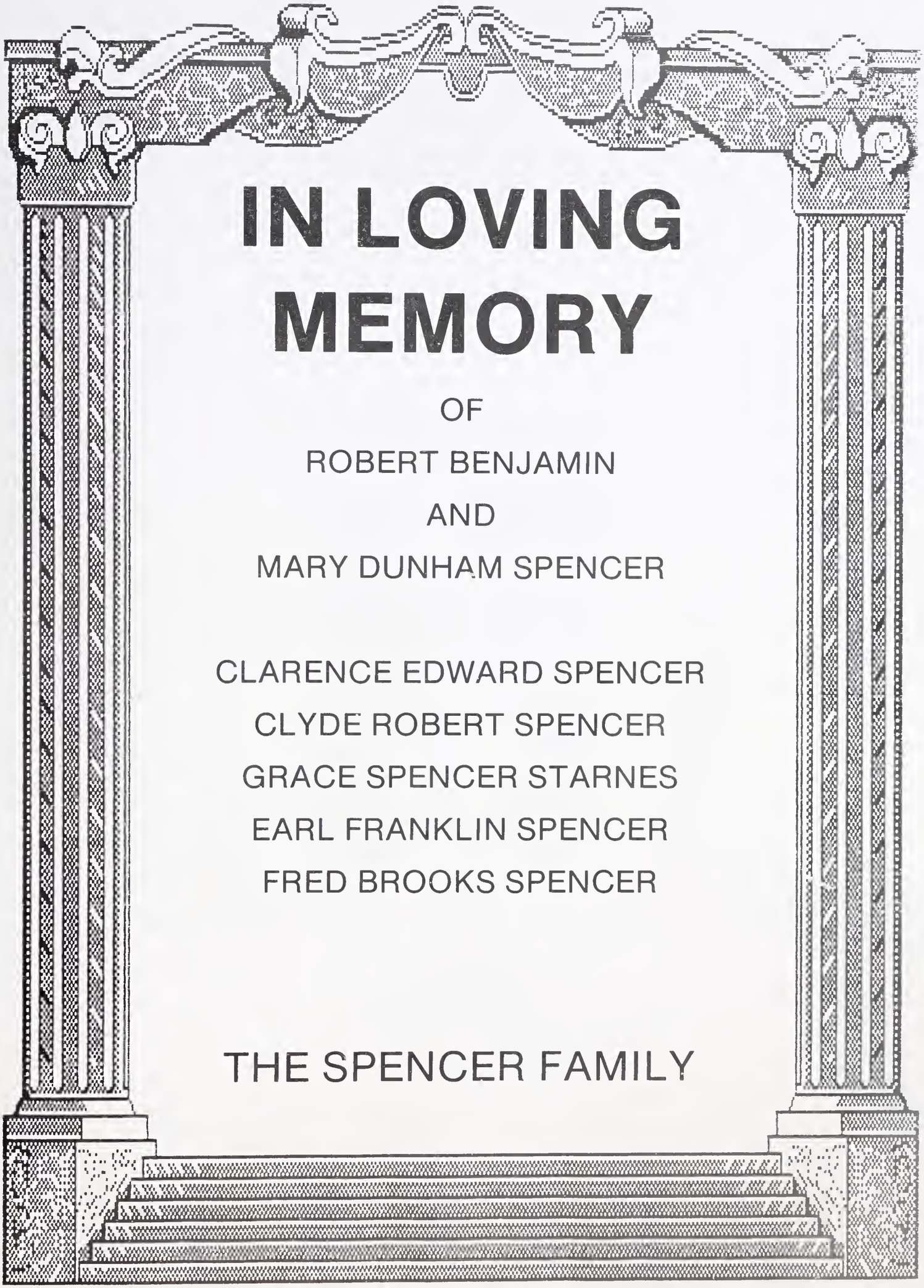
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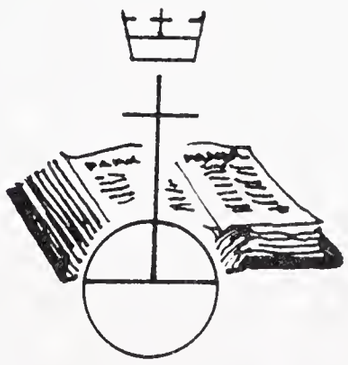
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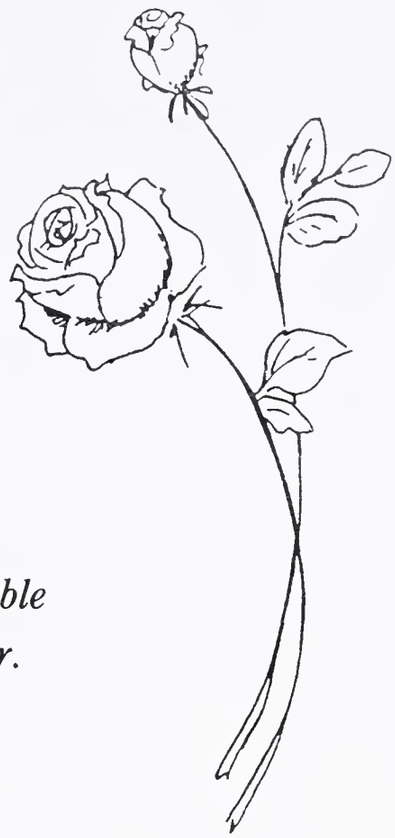
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Chive Froneberger, Jr.

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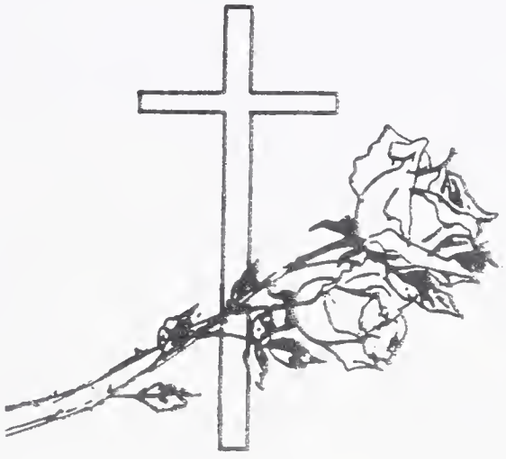
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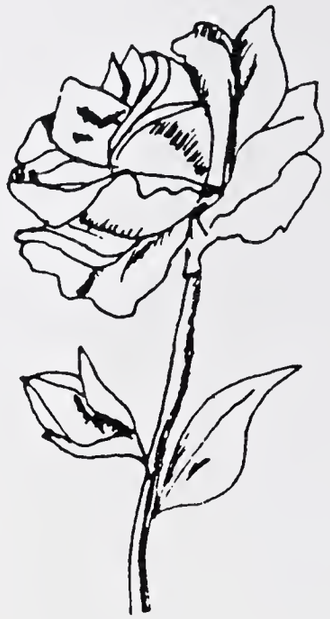
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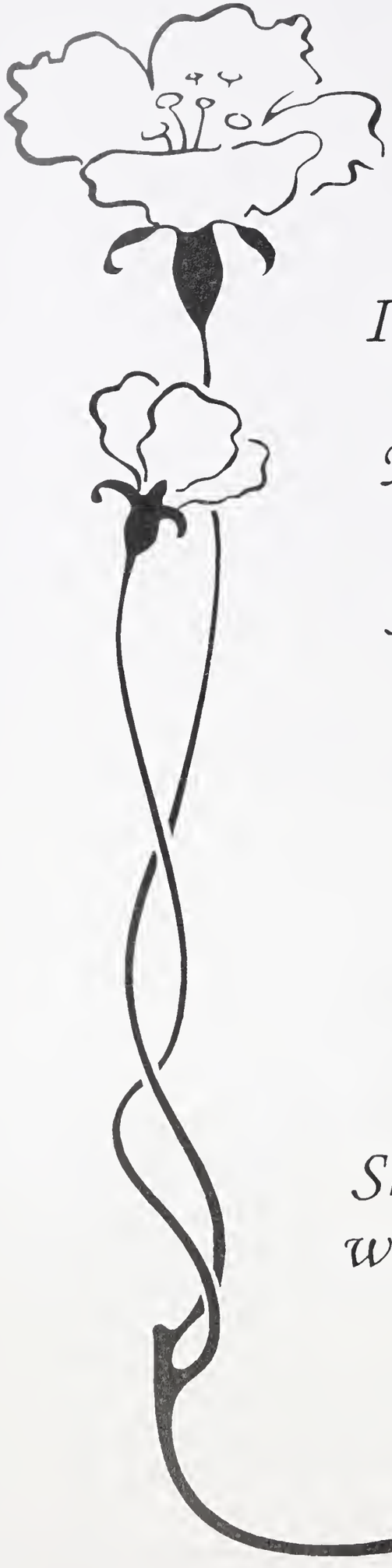
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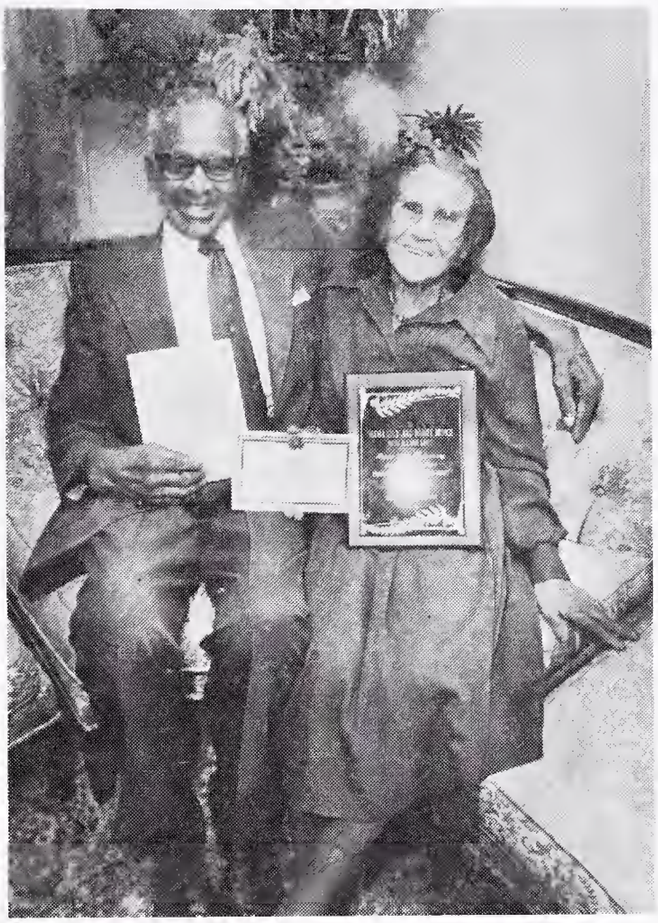
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"The Lord is My Shepherd; Ishall not want....." 23rd Psalm



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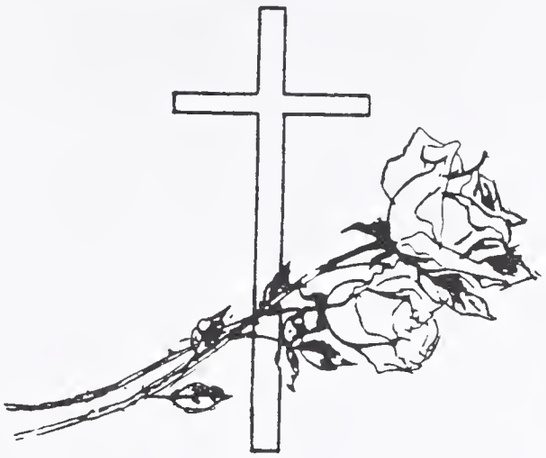
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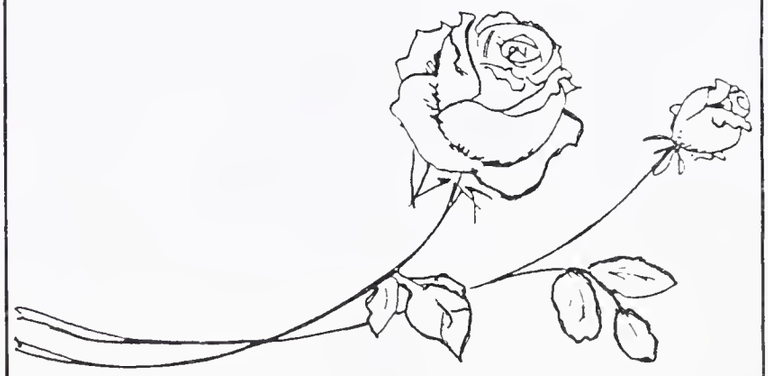
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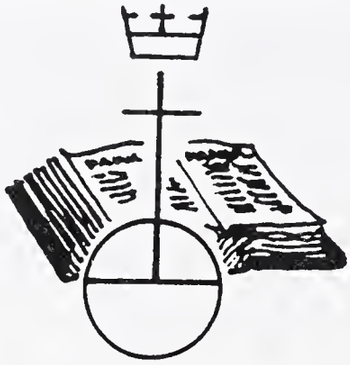
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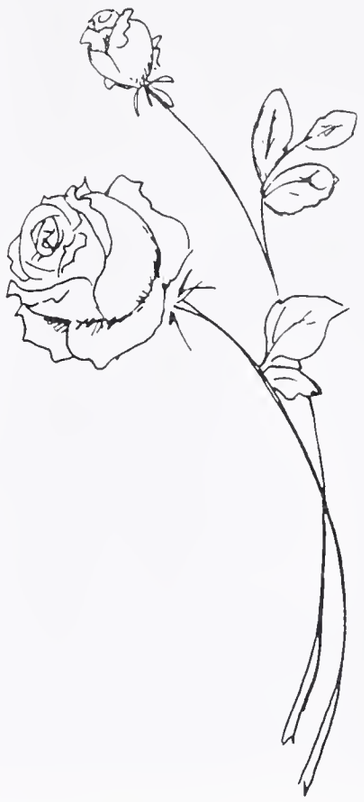
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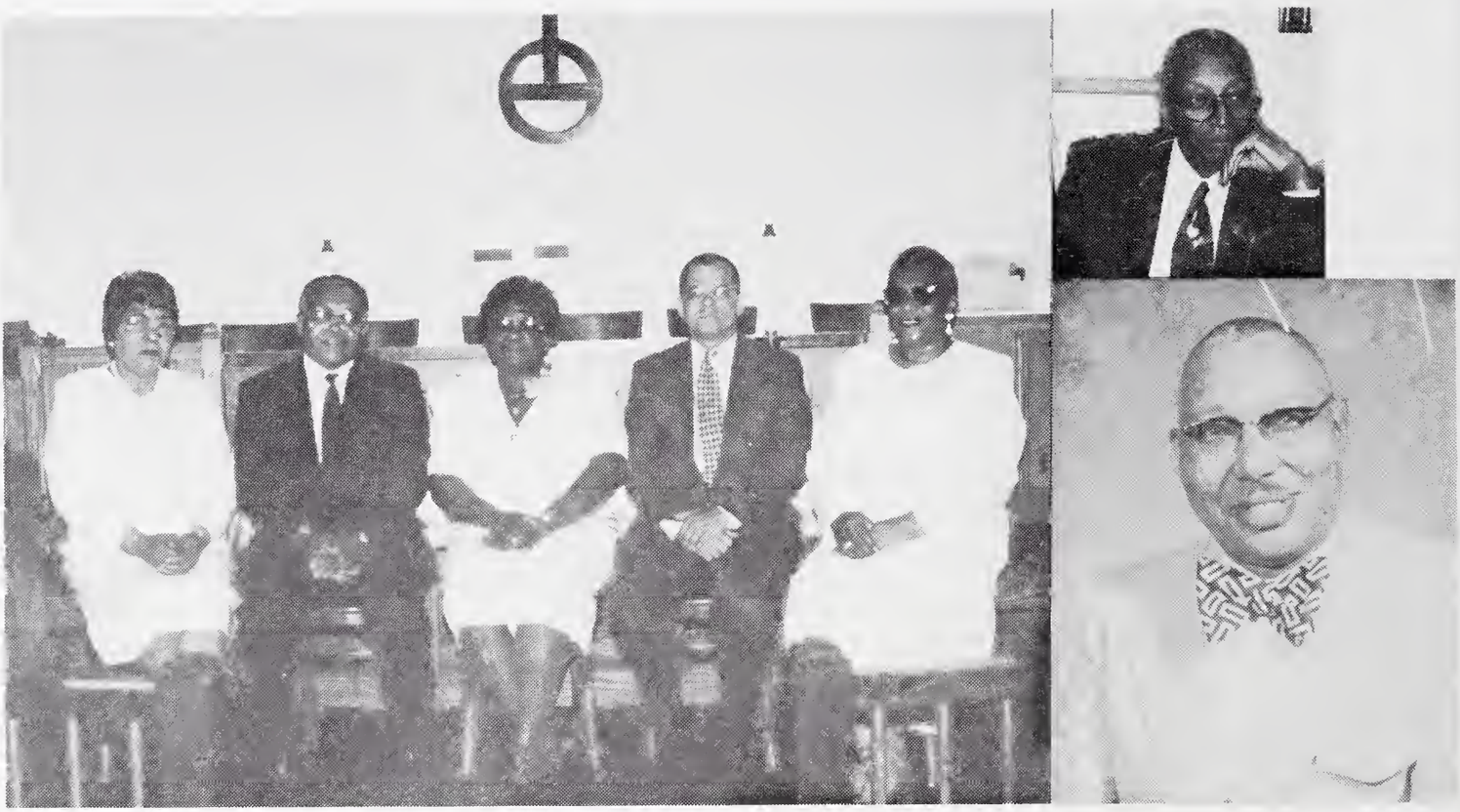
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